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COMMUNICATING OVER A
WIRELESS TIME-DIVISION
DUPLEX CHANNEL

Examiner: Nittaya Juntima

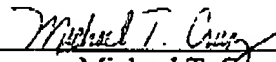
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance ("the
Examiner's Statement") in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "receiving a first packet at a first frequency from a first slave device via the channel, wherein said first packet is received beginning at a first slot" and "determining whether said first packet is a multi-slot packet, and if so, transmitting a second packet to a second slave device via the channel at a second frequency different from said first frequency, wherein said second packet is transmitted after said first slot and prior to the end of said first packet" as set forth in claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "receiving a first packet at a first frequency from a first slave device via the channel, wherein said first packet is received beginning at a first slot" and "determining whether said first packet is a multi-slot packet, and if so, transmitting a second packet to a second slave device via the channel at a second frequency different from said first frequency, wherein said second packet is transmitted after said first slot and prior to the end of said first packet" as set forth in claim 4.

Applicant respectfully submits that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "a first radio configured to receive a multi-slot packet at a first frequency from a first slave via the channel, wherein said multi-slot packet is received during a first slot"; "means for determining whether said first packet is a multi-slot packet"; and "a second radio configured to transmit a second packet to a second slave responsive to said means making a positive determination, wherein said second packet is transmitted via the channel at a second frequency different from said first frequency after said first slot and prior to the end of said first packet" as set forth in claim 7.

Applicant respectfully submits that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "a time-division duplex channel"; "a first slave device configured to transmit a first packet over said time-division duplex channel at a first frequency during a first time slot"; "a master device, configured to receive said first packet, to determine whether said first packet is a multi-slot packet, and if so, to transmit a second packet over said time-division duplex channel at a second frequency different from said first frequency, wherein said second packet is transmitted after said first slot and prior to the end of said first

packet"; and "a second slave device configured to receive said second packet" as set forth in claim 16.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's Statement might imply that the dependent claims are only allowable because they depend from allowed independent claims. However, the Examiner's Statement does not discuss any of the other elements of the claimed subject matter, in particular, those additional elements recited in the dependent claims which may render the dependent claims independently allowable in view of the specification, prosecution file history and/or the documents made of record, either alone or in combination.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's Statement presents only some of the reasons for allowance of the claims, and that other reasons also exist for allowing the claims such as, for example, those set forth more completely in the record as a whole. This interpretation is consistent with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, which states that any statement of reasons for allowance "[i]s not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state all the reasons for allowance are set forth." M.P.E.P. § 1302.14.

Finally, Applicant agrees with the Examiner that claims 1-13 and 16-20 are allowable in view of all of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination. However, Applicant does not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner's characterization of recited claim elements. In closing, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, or the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

If the Examiner has questions, or if Applicant can be of assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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